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EDUCATION

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod

PhD Psychology

Expected graduation: Fall 2027

Paris, FR

- Supervisor: Hugo Mercier
- Thesis: How do we infer other's competence?

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)

MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma

2021 – 2024

Paris, FR

- Supervisor: Hugo Mercier
- Final Year Ranking: 1/78
- Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities

University of Princeton

Visiting Student Research Collaborator

Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023

Princeton, NJ, USA

- Supervisor: Alin Coman

University of Cambridge

Visiting Research Student

Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023

Cambridge, UK

- Supervisor: Lee de-Wit

Sciences Po Bordeaux

BA Political Studies

2018 – 2021

Bordeaux, FR

University Paul Valéry

BA Philosophy

2018 – 2021

Montpellier, FR

PUBLICATIONS

¹first author

Peer Reviewed Publications

2. **Mercier, M.**¹, Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (In Press) The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*
1. **Mercier, M.**¹, Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025). Insight-seeking is consistent across domains and distinct from other forms of curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 237, 113051.

Working Papers

1. Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., **Mercier, M.**, ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. (*Under review*)

TEACHING

Courses

Human Behaviour Culture and Societies | École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)

2024 – 2025

- Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course
- Taught with Nicolas Baumard & Jean-Baptiste André

Student internship supervision

1. Nina Vivier Barte, *undergraduate* 2024
2. Clementine Allais, *undergraduate* 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist <i>Noèse</i>	2023 – Present
Radio Columnist <i>La Grâce Matinale & Anachroniques</i>	2021
Popular Science Writer <i>Phébé, Le Point</i>	2021
Private Teacher	2014 – 2021

SCIENCE OUTREACH

General Audience Talks

1. Interactive experience and game on psychological consequences of inequalities. **Nuit Européenne des Chercheurs**, Brest 2023